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MEMORANDUM FOR: NPIC ADP Control Officer

FROM:

Chief, Management Staff, ODP

SUBJECT: Draft COBOL Standard

1. Attached for your review is the proposed draft revision to the American National Standard (ANS) for COBOL, which has been issued for public review by the ANS X3 Committee. Because of the potential impact that this revision may have on Federal users, the National Bureau of Standards (NBS) is soliciting comments on the technical aspects of the proposal.

2. To assist you in your review of the proposal, NBS has provided a list outstanding questions and several documents related to actions that have been taken by the X3 committee.

3. In the coming year, NBS plans to take an in-depth look at the impact of the proposed changes to the COBOL standard on the Federal user. Please review and provide any comments that you may have by 22 January 1982 so we may provide an Agency response to NBS.



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Attachments:

- 1 - Draft proposed revised X2.23
- 2 - Summary of reasons for proposed changes
- 3 - Summary of reasons for negative votes
- 4 - ANSC X3 comments
- 5 - ANSC X3J4 comments
- 6 - Questions concerning draft
- 7 - Computerworld article, October 26, 1981
"DPMA Takes Stand Against COBOL Draft"

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